to obtain as much information as possible. This is not information which is at the disposal of this Government and we cannot get it by force from the Mysore Government. We can only get it by negotiation and we are carrying on negotiations."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask how long this question has been before the Government?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I must ask for notice of the question."

Decision of the Mysore Government regarding the supply of more water to the Palar.

* 546 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur A. Appadurai Pillai: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the question relating to the paucity of freshes in the Palar river has been discussed with the officers of the Mysore State, and finally settled;

(*b*) if so, whether in accordance with that decision, the Mysore Government have undertaken to let down more water into the Palar, to the benefit of the ryots dependent on the Palar supply; and

(*c*) whether the Government would be pleased to publish the decision reached for the information of the public?

A.—The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer to question No. 544.

Diwan Bahadur A. Appadurai Pillai:—"May I ask whether the Government of Mysore have furnished the statistics required?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I have not received any statistics."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask whether it is the intention of this Government not to press for statistics, if the Mysore Government thinks that the cost would be heavy?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"When we know what the cost would be, we can consider whether we should pay for it. We cannot expect the Mysore Government to spend a lot of money to provide information for us."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"Under the treaty, certain obligations are placed upon the Mysore Government by the British Government. When the allegation is that this obligation has been broken, is it not the duty of the Mysore Government to answer the allegation?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I do not think it is clear that the treaty obligations have been broken. The person making those allegations should prove them."

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Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" Will the hon. Member act if a definite concrete instance of how this obligation has been broken is placed in his hands? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" I will consider the question, Sir."

Information called for from the Mysore Government regarding the Palar irrigation.

* 547 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) with reference to question No. 546, dated 3rd November 1931, and question No. 58, dated 2nd August 1933, whether the information called for from the Mysore Government regarding Palar irrigation has since been received;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place it on the table of this House; and

(*c*) if not, what the delay is due to?

A.—The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answers to question Nos. 544 and 545.

Suspension of the tank restoration schemes.

* 548 *Q.*—A. M. AHMED MIRAN SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) when exactly the tank restoration schemes were suspended, and for what reasons;

(*b*) when they would be resumed; and

(*c*) whether the Government are aware of the heavy damage sustained by the minor irrigation sources during the recent heavy floods in the districts of Tinnevelly and Ramnad?

A.—(*a*) In December 1931, as a measure of retrenchment.

(*b*) They will be resumed only after a definite improvement in the financial position has established itself as explained in answer to question No. 477 given on 24th January 1933 and to question No. 738 given on 22nd March 1933.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. DANIEL THOMAS:—" May I know, with reference to clause (*c*), what measures the Government are proposing to take in order to remedy the damages sustained by minor irrigation sources in Ramnad and Tinnevelly? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" The damages are being repaired as rapidly as possible."